

## The Wedding of Harry and Meghan

The wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle is taking place at 1200 PM on 19th May 2018 at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle in England. The bride, Meghan Markle, is an American actress. Prince Harry first met her in July 2016 when a friend introduced them in London. They immediately found they had a lot to talk about and agreed to meet again the very next day. Not long after this Meghan accompanied Harry on his trip to Botswana and they got to know each other very well while camping for 5 days. Finally, Harry proposed to Meghan at his cottage home in the grounds of Kensington Palace. She was surprised but accepted straight away! The engagement ring is made of yellow gold (Meghan's favourite) with a central diamond from the country of Botswana, and also smaller stones which are from jewellery worn by Prince Harry's mother, Princess Diana. The couple are very proud that the ring was designed by Harry.



There is a rumour that Meghan is going to be the first royal bride to make a speech at her own wedding. As an actress and a supporter of disadvantaged groups, Meghan is already used to public speaking. In Britain, it is tradition for the bridegroom, the best man and the father of the bride to make a formal speech at a wedding. However, recently more brides have chosen to add their own speech and it seems Meghan wants to continue this trend. This is causing a lot of excitement!

On the day of the wedding there is going to be a carriage procession through Windsor after the ceremony as well as two receptions. The horse and carriage ride will allow many spectators to see the newly-married couple as they pass by, either in person or on television. The first reception, for all the guests at the ceremony, will take place in nearby St. George's Hall. Later there will be a second reception for close family and friends given by Harry's father, Prince Charles.

Meghan Markle is very much looking forward to working with Harry to improve the lives of those they wish to help. In the meantime, it seems that the Queen's Corgi dogs are already showing Meghan their approval by laying quietly on her feet under the table at tea!

### True or false?

1. Harry and Meghan met in Paris. T/F
2. The main diamond in the engagement ring comes from Africa. T/F
3. Megan is a famous pop singer. T/F
4. There will be two wedding receptions. T/F
5. The Queen's Corgi dogs dislike Meghan. T/F

**Answers: 1 F, 2 T, 3 F, 4 T, 5 F.**

## Prince Harry's And Meghan Markle's Fairytale Royal Wedding

After months of anticipation, Britain's Prince Harry finally announced his engagement to American actress, model, and humanitarian Rachel Meghan Markle. As per British royalty tradition, the official statement released on November 27, came from the groom's father, Charles, Prince of Wales — the eldest son of Queen Elizabeth II and heir apparent to the British Throne.



The wedding, scheduled for 19th May 2018, will take place at St. George's Chapel, a 15th century gothic chapel set on the grounds of Windsor Castle, the Queen's favorite weekend retreat. While not as big as Westminster Abbey, where Prince William and Kate Middleton got married in 2011, it can still accommodate as many as 800 guests. Though the wedding will be paid for by the Royal Family, Jason Knaf, the couple's spokesperson, says Prince Harry and Ms. Markle intend to "lead the planning process for all aspects of the wedding. He asserts, "This wedding, like all weddings, will be a moment of fun and joy that will reflect the characters of the bride and groom."

During a press conference following the announcement, the blushing bride-to-be showed off her engagement ring. Designed by Prince Harry, it comprises two diamonds from his mother Princess Diana's jewelry collection and one from Botswana, where the couple holidayed recently. Markle said Harry proposed while they were roasting a chicken at their Nottingham Cottage residence at Kensington Palace. The soon-to-be Duchess of Sussex says she could barely wait for him to finish proposing to say yes.

The whirlwind romance between the Prince, who is fifth in line to the British throne, and Markle began when the couple was set up on a blind date in London by a mutual friend. By July 2016, the two had fallen in love, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Though the guest list has not been released or even finalized yet, there is rampant speculation about the invitees. Given Prince Harry's close friendship with former US President Barack Obama and his wife Michelle, they are most likely to be among the first to get the royal invite. Markle will probably include tennis superstar Serena Williams as well as her co-stars from the US television series *Suits*, which she appeared in for 7 seasons. While British residents are certainly interested in knowing who the attendees will be, they are more curious to know if the wedding day will be declared a public holiday. Given that Prince Harry and Markle want to ensure that the citizens "feel part of the celebrations," their wish may very well come true.

### True or false?

1. The bride's father announced their engagement. T/F
2. The ceremony will take place at Kensington Palace. T/F
3. The American President will probably participate in the wedding ceremony. T/F
4. Prince Harry is fourth in line to the British throne T/F
5. Meghan is a supporter of humanitarian organizations. T/F

**Answers: 1 F, 2 F, 3 T, 4 F, 5 T.**